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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 30, 2005.

Claims 1-51 are pending in the patent application. Claims 1-16 and 51 have been allowed; Claims 17, 18, 24-26, 29-36 and 38-50 have been rejected; and Claims 19-23, 27, 28 and 37 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim.

Upon entry of this paper, Claims 28 and 37 will have been canceled; and Claims 1-16, 19-21, 23, 27 and 51 will remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 29, 30, 32-34 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 32 was previously canceled. Claims 29, 30, 33-34 and 38 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-26, 31, 35, 36 and 39-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 22 was previously canceled. Claims 17, 18, 24-26, 29-36 and 39-50 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 19-21 and 23 are addressed in the following section labeled "Allowable Subject Matter."

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1-16 and 51, and has further indicated that Claims 19-23, 27, 28 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants are grateful for the allowance of Claims 1-16 and 51.

Applicants have amended Claim 19 into an independent form which is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 20 and 21 are also believed to be in condition for allowance because they each depend upon allowable base Claim 19.

Claim 22 was previously canceled.

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Applicants have amended Claim 23 into an independent form which is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 27 has been amended into an independent form which is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 28 and 37 were previously canceled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that pending Claims 1-16, 19-21, 23, 27 and 51 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration to that end is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this paper, Claims 1-16, 19-21, 23, 27 and 51 will remain pending in the instant patent application. These pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt passage of the application to allowance is respectfully solicited.

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